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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Katsuaki MIYAWAKI, et al.

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SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

EXAMINER:

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FOR: TANDEM IMAGE FORMING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS INCLUDING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- ☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/951,510, filed SEPTEMBER 14, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119 , as noted below.	

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

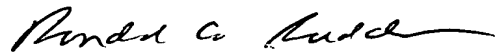
<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2000-279143	September 14, 2000
Japan	2001-119381	April 18, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/951,510 filed SEPTEMBER 14, 2001
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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